

PCL Clubs Grouped After Week Of Action

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	3	2	.600	
Seattle	3	2	.600	
Los Angeles	4	3	.571	
Vancouver	3	3	.500	1 1/2
Portland	3	3	.500	1 1/2
San Diego	3	3	.500	1 1/2
Hollywood	2	3	.400	1
Sacramento	2	4	.333	1 1/2

Monday's Results
Los Angeles 13, Vancouver 7
Only game scheduled

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The Pacific Coast League goes into its second week Tuesday with the eight-team field still grouped under a blanket.
Only 1 1/2 games separate tail-end Sacramento (2-4) from leaders San Francisco and Seattle (3-2).
Los Angeles seems to be getting most of the action with a 4-3 record, one more game than anyone else. The Angels trimmed Vancouver.

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Problems Beset Baseball Clubs In Major Leagues

NEW YORK — Will Brooklyn dash from tie barrier for 10 straight, as it did last year? Did the Yankees pick up pennant insurance when they got southpaw Maury McDermott from Washington? Are the Boston Red Sox improved sufficiently to wrest the American League title from New York?

Which team got the better of the deal that sent Larry Doby to Chicago and Chico Carrasquel to Cleveland last winter? Can rookie Luis Aparicio fill Carrasquel's shoes at shortstop for the White Sox?

These are some of the questions confronting managers today as the 1956 major league season got under way in eight cities.

Weaknesses Spotted
Although tabbed as heavy favorites to meet again in the World Series, the Yankees and Dodgers, like the 14 other clubs, are beset with problems. The Yankees are vulnerable at shortstop and in the relief department. Their biggest headache may come from their strongest department—the outfield. Although Mickey Mantle has given promise this spring of fulfilling his tremendous potential, there is a constant concern over his damaged legs.

Hank Bauer, still not fully recovered from the groin injury that cut short his World Series action, is playing despite a specialist's orders to rest for an entire season. Should either outfielder be made unavailable for any length of time, the Yankees would be in trouble.

Brooklyn Arms Sore
Brooklyn is plagued by pitching miseries. The departure of Johnny Podres, the lame arm of Billy Loes and Karl Spooner and the uncertainty of Carl Erskine to pitch the full season with a balky elbow should prevent a romp such as last year.

Approximately 250,000 spectators, barring bad weather, were expected to view the openers. A crowd of some 28,500 was assured at Washington, where President Eisenhower was all set to uncork the first "pitch," the signal for the official opening of the '56 season.

Red Sanders Disclaims Chance For Grid Title
LOS ANGELES — Red Sanders welcomed 64 candidates for UCLA's 1956 football team but was frankly dubious about the caliber of team he'll be able to put on the field for the first game against the University of Utah.

"Utah may have a better squad than we'll have," the Bruin coach told newsmen Monday. "Nobody in his right mind would pick us to repeat for the Pacific Coast Conference championship. We have lost 10 of the 11 men who started for us in the Rose Bowl."

"But we may not have a bad team. I'd say, watch out for Stanford."

McElhenry To Undergo Surgery On Weak Foot
SAN FRANCISCO — Halfback Hugh McElhenry, who ran brilliantly for the pro San Francisco 49ers until a foot injury hobbled him early last season, is going to try to get it fixed.

An operation to remove scar tissue from a childhood injury will be performed Thursday by Dr. Daniel H. Leventhal at Santa Monica, Calif.

Portland acquired outfielder Tom Saffell in a deal with Brooklyn and Kansas City.
Brooklyn sold catcher Charley Thompson to Kansas City for Saffell, pitcher LeRoy Wheat and an announced sum of cash. Brooklyn sent Saffell to Portland and Wheat to St. Paul in the American Assn.

Saffell, 32, played with both Pittsburgh and Kansas City last year. A portside hitter, he batted 168 in 73 games at Pittsburgh and 216 in nine games at Kansas City.

Podbielan, 31, of Sherwood, Ore. started with Brooklyn and was acquired by Cincinnati in 1952. He fractured a wrist early last season and spent most of the year on the bench. His best year was with the Redlegs in 1953 when he won 8 and lost 6.

Archie Moore Kayoes Ring Opponent In 3rd
SEATTLE — Light heavyweight champ Archie Moore, almost having to leap to land his blows, easily disposed of tall George Parmentier in the third round of a scheduled 10-round non-title fight here Monday night.

Moore, weighing in at 193, dropped the 233-pound, 6-foot 5-inch giant from Eureka, Calif., three times in the third round. The referee called the fight after Parmentier twice had taken the compulsory eight count.

The champion, training for a June title defense against Yolande Pompey in England, started slowly but began to wear Parmentier down with a series of left hooks in the second round.

A capacity crowd of 4,500 witnessed the fight in Seattle's civic auditorium.

Cougars Punish Idaho In Dual Track Event
MOSCOW, Idaho — Washington State swept all but the javelin, the broad jump and the mile relay Monday in smothering Idaho, 91 1/2-29 1/2, in a Northern Division track meet.

Paul Hanson tossed the javelin 182 feet, 2 1/2 inches and Larry Church broad-jumped 21 feet, 9 1/2 inches to give Idaho two firsts. The Idaho mile relay team was clocked at 3:28.

WSC had two double winners. John Mitbo won the mile in 4:26.7, and the two-mile in 9:51.5, and Floyd Richmond took the 100-yard dash in 10 seconds flat, and the 220 in :22.9.

19 Lettermen Return To California Gridiron
BERKELEY, Calif. — The California Bears football team opened spring practice Monday with a big goal—a better record than last season's 2 wins, 7 losses and 1 tie, the worst in nine years under Coach Lynn (Pappy) Waldorf.

Waldorf has 19 lettermen, eight more than last spring, and a good sprinkling of transfers and sophomores.

Sports

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